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For: ASSAY FOR YKL-40 AS A MARKER FOR DEGRADATION OF MAMMALIAN CONNECTIVE TISSUE MATRICES

- For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.
- This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates: USSN 09/215,077, filed on December 18, 1998, which is a continuation of USSN 08/581,527, filed on April 17, 1996, which is a 371 of PCT/US94/07754, filed on July 8, 1994, which is a continuation-in-part of USSN 08/089,989, filed on July 9, 1993, now abandoned, the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.
- Please amend this application by adding the following before the first sentence: "This application is a [] continuation [] divisional [] continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit of U.S. Application No._____, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference for all purposes."

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In view of the Unsigned Declaration as filed with this application and pursuant to 37 CFR §1.53(f),
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